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In re application of:

David C. Gibbon et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,371 (Reissue Appl. of U.S. Pat. No. 6,098,082, issued Aug. 1, 2000, based on U.S. Pat. App. Serial No. 08/679,976, filed July 15, 1996)

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: **METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDING A COMPRESSED RENDITION OF A VIDEO PROGRAM IN A FORMAT SUITABLE FOR ELECTRONIC SEARCHING AND RETRIEVAL**

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SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We David C. Gibbon and Behzad Shahraray, hereby declare that:

- 1) David C. Gibbon is a citizen of the United States and Behzad Shahraray is a citizen of Iran with the addresses as stated below respectively next to our names.
- 2) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims.
- 3) We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, and that is described and claimed in the reissue application and in U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,098,082 ("the '082 Patent"), which issued from U.S. Patent Appl. Serial No. 08/679,976 ("the '976 Application"), filed July 15, 1996.
- 4) We acknowledge our duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this Reissue Application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).
- 5) We believe that the '082 Patent may be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more than the patentee had the right to claim in claim 28 of the '082 Patent due to an inadvertent failure to submit, without deceptive intent, the article cited at column 2, lines 33-

36 of the '082 Patent, which is entitled "Automatic Generation of Pictorial Transcripts of Video Programs" and published in Multimedia Computing and Networking 1995, Proc. SPIE 2417, February 1995 ("the Article"), to the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") for consideration during examination of the '976 Application. A copy of the Article was submitted with an IDS dated June 26, 2001.

- 6) All errors that are being corrected in the Reissue Application up to the time of filing of this Declaration arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicants.
- 7) The subject Article fully describes all the method steps recited in claim 28 of the '082 Patent:
 - a) receiving electronic data representing a condensed version of a video program, said video program having a video component and a second information-bearing media component associated therewith, said electronic data representation including a representative frame from each segment of the video component of the video program and a portion of said second media component associated with said segment (see Article, p. 514);
 - b) automatically transforming said electronic data representation into a hypertext format to form a hypertext pictorial transcript (see Article, p. 515 at ¶4 and p. 517, Fig. 3); and
 - c) recording said hypertext pictorial transcript in an electronic medium (see Article, p515 at ¶5).
- 8) We hereby surrender U.S. Pat. No. 6,098,082, and enclose the original herewith.
- 9) We have reviewed and understand the contents of this Reissue Declaration, and all statements made herein of our knowledge our true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent reissued thereon.

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